(c) the estimated cost of these aircrafts ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) The Government is planning to procure new aircraft for primarily meeting the domestic travel needs of the VVIPs and other dignitaries. These aircraft would meet our requirements and are not based on Air Force-I type of aircraft used by the United States Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The cost of the aircraft would be known only after finalization of negotiations with the vendor.

Fulfilment of assurance to widows of Kargil Martyrs

†4805. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Shrimati Lalita Devi widow of Shri Lalrambach Rai, a Kargil Martyr of village Bajitpur, district Vaishali, Bihar is still awaiting fulfilment of the promise made to her regarding allotment of agricultural land, plot for a house and petrol pump;

(b) the number of such other widows of Kargil Martyrs who are still running from pillar to post to get the benefits due to them; and

(c) by when the waiting widows of Kargil Martyrs will be paid their compensation alongwith full details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Besides pensionary benefits, Smt. Lalita Devi has been paid *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 10 lakhs by the Central Government. She has also been paid Rs. 3.75 lakhs from Army Group Insurance, Rs. 5.00 lakhs for a dwelling unit and Rs. 2.00 lakhs for children's education from National Defence Fund.

The State Government has also paid an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 10 lakhs and provided employment to Smt. Lalita Devi. State Government is however, not having any policy for allotment of agricultural land to the dependents of Kargil Martyrs.

Smt. Lalita has already been issued the Letter of Intent by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the allotment of a Retail Outlet. Land required for commissioning of the Retail Outlet is to be made available by the State Government who have been requested to expendite the matter.

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(b) and (c) As a measure of rehabilitation of widows of soldiers killed in Kargil operation, they have been paid an *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 10 lakhs each and have been sanctioned Liberalised Family Pension equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased soldier. They have also been given as amount of Rs. 5 lakhs for housing and Rs. 1 lakhs per child or Rs. 2 lakhs per family for education of children from the National Defence Fund. There are only two cases in which next of kin of martyrs are yet to be paid the above benefits as their dependents have filed cases in Courts.

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has formulated a special scheme earmarking 500 LPG/Retail outlet distributorship for direct allotment to the widows/next of kin of Kargil Martyrs. Applications received from 460 widows/ next of kin of Kargil martyrs have been forwarded by the Directorate General Resettlement to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. That Ministry has approved allotment of 429 outlets to the martyr of Kargil dependents. Action to approve the remaining outlets is being taken with that Ministry.

Identification of vulnerable areas of the coastline

4806. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has identified the coastline which is vulnerable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) The Indian Navy and the Coast Guard have identified the vulnerable coastline and sensitive coastal areas of Tamil Nadu. Maharashtra and Gujarat including the Island territories of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep. These areas are under constant surveillance.

Medium of question paper for admission test in RIMC

†4807. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had given an assurance on 20th November, 2000 in the meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry that he will take action on the

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